

***PREMNA WUII* (VERBENACEAE), A NEW NAME FOR *PREMNA VELUTINA* C.Y. WU**

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**ABSTRACT**

A new name, *Premna wuii* Boufford & B.M. Barthol. (Verbenaceae), is proposed to replace *P. velutina* C.Y. Wu, a later homonym of *P. velutina* Gürke. *Premna wuii* is known only from western Yunnan Province, China.

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The appropriately named and distinctive *Premna velutina* C.Y. Wu (see also Wu and Raven, 1998) was, unfortunately, not recognized as a later homonym of *P. velutina* Gürke in the treatment published in the *Flora of China* (Chen & Gilbert 1994) nor in the earlier published treatment in *Flora Reipublicae Popularis Sinicae* (Chen 1982) and only recently came to light during routine identifications of specimens of *Premna* collected in western Yunnan. Because it is such a distinct species and easily separated from its apparent closest relative, *P. mekongensis* W. Smith, we therefore propose the following new name as a replacement.

**PREMNA WUII** Boufford & B.M. Barthol., **nom. nov.**, based on *Premna velutina* C.Y. Wu, Fl. Yunnan. 1: 428, pl. 102, f. 8–10. 1977. Not Gürke, Pflanzenw. Ost-Afrikas 100: 338. 1895.

We are pleased to name this species for Professor Wu Zhengyi (Wu Cheng-Yi), who has devoted his life to the study of Chinese plants and whose knowledge of the Chinese flora is beyond comparison.

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